

Kansas SIEC  
Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2014

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the TAG conference room, 2800 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Ks.

**Members present.** Cole Presley, Jimmy Reed, Adjutant General Lee Tafanelli, Randy Moon, Michele Abbott, Chris Kelly, Col. Chris Stratmann, Robert McLemore, Anthony Schlinsog, Chris Howell, Angee Morgan and Edwin Geer.

**Others present.** Jason Bryant, Michaela Isch, Craig Divoll, Derrick Vorhees, JL Ellis (KS-OEC), John Eichkorn (KHP), Eric Pippin (KHP), Stan Adams (Dept. of Commerce), Marlo Tangney (KDEM Communications), Lance Royer (Shawnee Co. Communications), Kirk Thompson (Director, KBI) and Jim Lundsted (DHS).

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Cole Presley, Chairperson, at 13:02.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the July 17, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Jimmy Reed moved to approve the minutes as written. Robert McLemore seconded. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

**(Action #14-01)**

**Discussion/Action Items.**

Chairperson Cole Presley announced the order of the printed agenda would be modified.

**COML Certification.** JL Ellis gave a report on the last meeting of the IMT Working Group concerning the COML certification and position taskbook confusion. After discussion, Michele Abbott moved that the KS-OEC should oversee the COML certification process and identify the criteria for COML certification. Col. Stratmann seconded. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

**(Action #14-02)**

**Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).** Jason Bryant discussed the upcoming workshop for a needed SCIP update. The two day workshop will be February 19 and 20, 2014 at the Kansas Highway Patrol headquarters in Salina, KS. Jim Lundsted gave a brief overview on the history of the SCIP and the goals of the workshop. Jason Bryant reported that the notifications sent out for attendance at the workshop were to a wide audience and by no means exclusive. The idea is to have as broad of attendance as possible from the communications community in Kansas. Jason also introduced new KS-OEC employees Craig Divoll and Derrick Vorhees. They are the new Public Safety Broadband (PSBN) coordinators and will be stationed in Wichita and Topeka. Anthony Schlinsog reported that the

PSBN Grant Manager position was open with plans to fill the position soon. Jason Bryant also introduced Michaela Isch, Interoperable Communications Training and Exercise Specialist. Col. Stratmann led a discussion on FIRSTNET and detailed a new website for stakeholder and vendor registration. The website will also be a place to share any information concerning FIRSTNET as well as training events.

**Proposal for Communications Centralization for Public Safety.** Chairperson Cole Presley gave a history of the proposal and informed the SIEC that he was the sole creator of the proposal at the request Governors staff. The proposal was not meant for public consumption and was merely an idea he had shared. Chairperson Presley answered questions from members which led to a discussion on the future role of the SIEC concerning technologies and coordination with other appointed bodies, state and local agencies and other entities involved with communications in the state.

**Election of Chairperson.** Chairperson Presley opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Jimmy Reed nominated Cole Presley. Randy Moon seconded. Jimmy Reed moved nominations cease, Bob McLemore seconded. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

**(Action 14-03)**

Chairperson Presley called for the vote for Chairperson. Cole Presley elected unanimously.

**(Action 14-04)**

Chairperson Presley named Jimmy Reed as Vice-Chairperson.

Jimmy Reed brought up a recent phone call he had received from Barber County inquiring on the use of talkgroups in the statewide interoperability template. Discussion included intended use for talkgroups, particularly the A=KDEM and B=KDEM zones and the ICS talkgroups. The training delivered to users on the KSICS system was also discussed. Col. Stratmann moved that the KS-OEC and the KDOT collaborate to develop guidelines for usage for the statewide template. Michele Abbott seconded. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

**(Action 14-05)**

Edwin Geer shared a report on statistics for the KSICS radio system. For the previous 12 months, there had been 21,250,000 calls made on the system with 4800 busy signals. If a user experienced a busy signal, the time waiting for talk permit was less than one second. To date, there are 1065 public safety agencies with access to the system and over 24,600 radio ID's assigned.

Chairperson Presley noted that the SIEC bylaws needed to be reviewed for possible changes. A sub-committee consisting of: Cole Presley, Col. Stratmann, Edwin Geer and Jason Bryant will review the bylaws and report to the next SIEC meeting with recommendations.

**Next Meeting.** A date and time for the next meeting of the SIEC will be determined and announced by the Chairperson.

**Adjourn.** With no further business before the committee, Chairperson Cole Presley moved to adjourn. Jimmy Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 14:22.

**(Action #14-06)**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "JL Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

JL Ellis  
Interoperable Communications Training Specialist  
Office of Emergency Communications

APPROVED:

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Cole Presley, Chairperson

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Jimmy Reed, Vice-Chairperson